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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with DIA Regarding Designation of ICBM Launch Sites

1. Representatives of CIA and DIA discussed the systems of designating Soviet ICBM sites in a meeting at CIA headquarters 12 July 1965.

2. DIA representatives gave a presentation which pointed out the differences in systems now followed by DIA and NPIC in assigning designators to newly discovered Soviet ICBM sites. Additionally they pointed out the difficulties encountered in the Department of Defense in trying to follow two systems.

3. It was tentatively agreed that the following procedure would be followed.

a. At Test Ranges

The system presently followed by NPIC will be continued and adopted by DOD components. GMAIC will be requested to review designators used and determine if any changes in presently assigned launch facility designators are desirable. Following this review, the DIA will take the necessary action to establish the use of these designators, and future ones assigned under this system, within the DOD.

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b. At Deployed Sites

A system similar to that now used to designate IRBM and MRBM sites will be used. This system, described in JCS publications, assigns a place name (town or city) followed by a number. Where more than one new launch facility is found simultaneously, they will be numbered south to north and east to west beginning with number one. When a suspect location has been assigned a designator and it is subsequently determined that it is not a launch position, or when a position is abandoned, the number will be dropped and not used again with that place name. Once the place name and number is assigned they will not be changed. When analysis shows that there are meaningful groupings of launch facilities [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the group will be designated by adding a letter beginning with "A" after the place name and number described above. It is recognized that new information or additional analysis will sometimes require that group designators be changed but this will be done without any change in place name or site number.

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4. During the discussion it was recognized that it may be desirable to add other designators which give more descriptive information regarding a launch site (i.e., control facility, nuclear warhead facility, etc.) and that any system used should be on a community-wide basis. It was agreed that GMAIC was the appropriate committee to coordinate use of such designators.

5. Detailed procedures for assignment of designators to newly identified sites should be established between NPIC and DIA which assure that there is no appreciable delay in reporting new sites. These procedures can probably be generally the same as those now in effect for IRBM and MRBM sites.

6. NPIC should take the necessary action to re-designate all existing ICBM sites in accordance with the system outlined in this memorandum. It would be desirable for GMAIC to publish the next revision of the deployment handbook using the standardized system.

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List of Attendees

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List of Attendees: CIA/DIA Meeting
on Target Designators

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